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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/577,016	Applicant(s) VAN DER SANDEN ET AL.	
	Examiner Matthew G. Kayrish	Art Unit 2627	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

2. The title is objected to because it is vague and does not describe the principal of the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Konno (US Patent Number 5917802).

Regarding claim 1, Konno discloses:

A turntable (figure 1, item 103) suitable for disc-shaped information carriers (figure 1, item 101) having a central opening (abstract), which turntable comprises a centering element comprising a cone-shaped centering portion (column 3, lines 37-42),

which centering element is rotatable about an axis of rotation (figure 1, item 103 rotates about item 104 via item 108) and is movable in axial direction against spring force (figure 1, item 109; column 1, lines 47-65), characterized in that the centering element further comprises a substantially cylindrical portion which adjoins the end of the cone-shaped portion positioned nearest the central axis (column 3, lines 37-42).

Regarding claim 2, Konno discloses the features of base claim 1, as stated in the 102 rejection above, and further discloses:

The centering element comprises a cone-shaped pre-centering portion, whose end located furthest away from the central axis adjoins the substantially cylindrical portion at a side remote from the centering portion (figure 1, angled portion of item 103 above item 103a).

Regarding claim 3, Konno discloses the features of base claim 1, as stated in the 102 rejection above, and further discloses:

A wall of the cylindrical portion extends at an angle of 0 to 5° with respect to the central axis (column 3, lines 37-42).

Regarding claim 4, Konno discloses the features of base claim 1, as stated in the 102 rejection above, and further discloses:

The angle which a wall of the centering portion encloses with the central axis is smaller than the angle which a wall of the pre-centering portion encloses with the central axis (figure 4; column 3, lines 37-42).

Regarding claim 5, Konno discloses the features of base claim 1, as stated in the 102 rejection above, and further discloses:

A device suitable for carrying out operations on a disc-shaped information carrier having a central opening (column 1, lines 5-9).

Regarding claim 6, Konno discloses the features of base claim 1, as stated in the 102 rejection above, and further discloses:

A device for reading information from and/or writing information onto an optical information carrier having a central opening (column 1, lines 9-18).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew G. Kayrish whose telephone number is 571-272-4220. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 5pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington can be reached on 571-272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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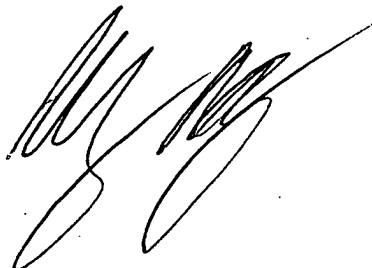
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